

SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes, December 4, 2019

Members present: Art Quintana, Susan Alling, Sara Beery, Wilma Cocannouer, Juana Mendoza, Michelle Cregut

Excused: Jeannine Tarrant, Jack Belchinsky

Guests: Michele Waite; City Council Liaison Marcia Martin; Daryl Nielsen; Meagan (new recreation supervisor)

Wilma presided and introduced visitors. Susan moved, Art seconded, that the November 6 minutes be approved. **Passed.**

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Longmont was the best-represented community at the Age Well Summit. However, Law Enforcement and Fire Department did not attend. Next steps will include an event directed at public safety professionals, and gathering more demographic information on areas of county not already well included in existing data.
- B. Board members are invited to attend the Friends annual meeting on January 28 at 3 p.m. They received about \$20,000 in donations in the last month. They are recruiting applicants for vacancies in the president and vice-president positions.
- C. Area Aging Council will meet in Longmont on Dec. 6. Michele asked for suggestions for the report she will give to AAC: The Board mentioned our participation in census preparation, sustainability, voter participation, TRG; excellent recreation program, and the Center's good reputation and trust among Spanish-speaking community; and seniors' transportation needs.
- D. The city has approved hiring a third resource specialist for the Center.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Marcia initiated a discussion of homelessness in Longmont, including the difficulty of persons finding transportation to the Boulder Shelter, and the limited beds available for emergency shelter provided by HOPE and Longmont churches in extreme weather. Supportive services are provided

to those who have been admitted through Co-ordinated Entry to receive shelter assistance. Drug addiction is a related problem. City Council is working through the inclusionary zoning system to make more low-end affordable housing available. We will invite resource specialists to report at our January meeting about the needs they are seeing, to inform our policy statement regarding senior homelessness as a priority issue.

- B. Michelle C. reported that TRG has recommended to City Council specific grant amounts, with an emphasis on commitment to building low-end affordable housing.
- C. With the closing of the hospital's gym and therapy pool, LUH will house some wellness activities at the Senior center.
- D. Marcia will continue as our Council liaison for the next two years. The Senior Center will host a January 25 "coffee with council."
- E. The City has received several applications for vacancies on this Board.
- F. Susan asked how the City handles neighborhood problems (e.g. noise) caused by persons with apparent mental illness. This is one reason for us to encourage closer cooperation with law enforcement; Michele suggested a stake holder meeting.
- G. **DATE OF JANUARY MEETING IS MOVED TO JAN. 8, 2020.** (**Motion** by Susan, seconded by Juana, **passed unanimously.**)

REPORTS

- A. Marcia reported that Council is considering an ordinance to prohibit parking Recreation Vehicles on City streets, and to provide a city designated "safe lot" for RV parking.
- B. Jack's written report on sustainability implementation is attached.
- C. Census Complete Count committee: in March all households will be sent 3 pieces of mail and 2 educational sessions will be conducted. In April-May-June the Senior Center will work with El Comite to reach Spanish speakers, and will provide technical assistance for persons to complete the census on line. The city is improving firewalls at technical assistance drop-in centers.

Adjourned at 11:45 a.m. Board members and staff remained for lunch together and socializing.

Submitted by Sara Beery